

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S.1176**

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TO: The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
FROM: Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board
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AUTHOR: Senator Malloy PRIMARY CODE CITE: 15-85-10
SUBJECT: South Carolina False Claims Act

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost of Federal and/or Other Funds (See Below)

BILL SUMMARY:

The proposed Bill amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Chapter 85 to Title 15 so as to enact the "South Carolina False Claims Act" providing for definitions of certain terms, liability for false or fraudulent claims under certain circumstances, procedures for civil actions for false claims, the procedure and contents of civil investigative demands, and creating the state false claims act investigation and prosecution fund.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department

The Department indicates this Bill will have a minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

State Law Enforcement Division - SLED

At this time the agency has not reported that there will be any cost to implement the provisions of this Bill.

Attorney General's Office

The Office reports that it would require 3 Attorneys, 2 Auditors and 2 Paralegals at an annual cost to the General Fund of \$108,725 and an annual cost to Federal Funds and Other Funds of \$295,703 for salaries, fringe and other operating expenses. There would also be a non-recurring cost to the General Fund of \$13,125 and a non-recurring cost of \$32,815 to Federal and Other Funds. The Federal and Other Funds would consist of Federal Medicaid Grant Funds and court-awarded Medicaid Settlement Funds.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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